

Mark Scheme (Results)

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Using the Mark Scheme

Examiners should look for qualities to reward rather than faults to penalise. This does NOT mean giving credit for incorrect or inadequate answers, but it does mean allowing candidates to be rewarded for answers showing correct application of principles and knowledge. Examiners should therefore read carefully and consider every response: even if it is not what is expected it may be worthy of credit.

The mark scheme gives examiners:

- an idea of the types of response expected
- how individual marks are to be awarded
- the total mark for each question
- examples of responses that should NOT receive credit.

/ means that the responses are alternatives and either answer should receive full credit.

() means that a phrase/word is not essential for the award of the mark, but helps the examiner to get the sense of the expected answer.

Phrases/words in **bold** indicate that the <u>meaning</u> of the phrase or the actual word is **essential** to the answer.

ecf/TE/cq (error carried forward) means that a wrong answer given in an earlier part of a question is used correctly in answer to a later part of the same question.

Candidates must make their meaning clear to the examiner to gain the mark. Make sure that the answer makes sense. Do not give credit for correct words/phrases which are put together in a meaningless manner. Answers must be in the correct context.

Quality of Written Communication

Questions which involve the writing of continuous prose will expect candidates to:

- write legibly, with accurate use of spelling, grammar and punctuation in order to make the meaning clear
- select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and to complex subject matter
- organise information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate.

Full marks will be awarded if the candidate has demonstrated the above abilities.

Questions where QWC is likely to be particularly important are indicated (QWC) in the mark scheme, but this does not preclude others.

| Question Number | Answer | Additional Guidance | Mark |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|------|
| 1(a) | A (anther) | | (1) |

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| 1(b) | D (7,7) | | (1) |

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| 1(c) | D (nucleus Q divides by mitosis to form nuclei R and S) | | (1) |

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| 1(d) | B (one) | | (1) |

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| 2(a)(i) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | • because the formula for glucose is $C_6H_{12}O_6$ | (1) | Allow description e.g. 6 carbons 12 hydrogen and 6 oxygens | |
| | • therefore 72 + 12 + 96 (=180) | (1) | Allow both marks for 6x12 + 12x1 + 6x16 (=180) | |
| | | | | (2) |

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| 2(a)(ii) | molecular mass for two glucoses added together | Example of calculation 180 + 180 = 360 360 - 18 = 342 | |
| | molecular mass for water subtracted (| Correct answer gains full marks with no working | (2) |

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| 2(b) | An answer that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | ribose is a {pentose / pentagon / 5 carbon sugar / 5 C } and glucose is a {hexose / hexagon / 6 carbon sugar / 6 C } | | |
| | • formula for ribose is $C_5H_{10}O_5$ and the formula for glucose is $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (1) | Allow correct structures drawn out Allow ribose has 2 less H and 1 less O accept converse | |
| | | Allow molecular mass of ribose is 150 and molecular mass of glucose is 180 | (2) |

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| 3(a) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | water molecules are polar Any two from the following: | (1) | Allow dipolar Allow description hydrogen slightly positive and oxygen slightly negative Reject hydrogen positive or oxygen negative | |
| | therefore form hydrogen bonds | (1) | | |
| | therefore are cohesive | (1) | IGNORE adhesion | |
| | which results in a (net) inward force at its surface | (1) | Allow description e.g. at air water interface more hydrogen bonding is into the water | (3) |

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| 3(b)(i) | the correct calculation of force | (1) | Example of calculation 0.00002 x 9.8 = 0.000196 | |
| | division by 20mm or multiplied by 50 | (1) | $0.000196 \div 20 = 0.0000098 \text{ (Nmm}^{-1}\text{)}$ $0.000196 \times 20 = 0.0098 \text{ (Nm}^{-1}\text{)}$ Allow ECF from calculation of force | |
| | answer expressed correctly in standard form with suitable units | (1) | Correct answer with units scores all 3 marks 9.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ Nmm ⁻¹ 9.8 x 10 ⁻³ Nm ⁻¹ | |
| | | | Allow 9.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ N Correct answer but incorrect units or no units scores 2 marks | (3) |

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| 3(b)(ii) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | • the surface tension is above 0.070 (N m ⁻¹) (1) | Allow figure between 0.070 and 0.074 for interpretation of warm day | |
| | which is greater than the force exerted by the pond skater (1) | Consequential error from part (i) | |
| | • even if temperatures were hotter (than 15°C) the surface tension of water would still be greater (1) | | (3) |

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| 4(a) | A (condensation reaction forming an ester bond) | | (1) |

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| 4(b)(i) | A description that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | (overall) increase in temperature increases the fluidity (1) | Allow positive correlation | |
| | between the solid-like state and the fluid-like state (a small increase in temperature) has a greater increase in fluidity | Ignore references to rate, rapid Allow steeper gradient, dramatic increase | |
| | (1) | | (2) |

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| 4(b)(ii) | An answer that makes reference to four of the following: | Allow converse statements | |
| | unsaturated fatty acids have a lower melting point than saturated fatty acids (1) | Allow fewer carbons in chain | |
| | shorter saturated fatty acid chains have a lower melting point (1) | | |
| | an increase in the number of double bonds lowers the melting point (1) | Should be linked to one of the previous mark points | |
| | so membranes with a higher proportion of {unsaturated fatty acids / more double bonds / shorter chains} would be more fluid at lower temperatures (1) | | |
| | both these factors could influence the fluidity but without temperature values on the fluidity graph, no definite conclusion can be made (1) | | |
| | | | (4) |

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| 5(a) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | solutes / named solute | (1) | e.g. glucose, enzymes, ATP, amino acids, protein, lipids, vitamins, mineral ions and fragments of cell membrane Allow oxygen / carbon dioxide if qualified | |
| | • because they are less dense than 1.09 (gcm ⁻³) | (1) | Ignore sodium chloride, sucrose, sugar and salt | (2) |

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| 5(b) | C (lysosome, Golgi apparatus) | | (1) |

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| 5(c) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | nucleus / ribosomes | (1) | Reject nucleolus | |
| | because they are {largest / most dense} | (1) | Allow more dense than 1.22 or more dense than mitochondria or similar Allow contains very dense material Must be in context of an organelle not listed on the table | (2) |

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| | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| 5(d) | • use smaller intervals in of (sucrose) density (1 | 1) | Allow use gradient between e.g. 1.15 and 1.19 | |
| | rough endoplasmic reticulum is | | | |
| | {more dense / has ribosomes } (1 | 1) | Allow converse | (2) |

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| 6(a) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | growth / repair / asexual reproduction (1) | Ignore repair damaged cells or cell growth (unless qualified by a suitable cell type such as a muscle cell) Allow replace cells | |
| | because this needs {genetically identical cells / clones / cells with the same number of chromosomes } (1) | | (2) |

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| 6(b) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | DNA {synthesis / replication} | (1) | | |
| | therefore DNA (content) doubles | (1) | | |
| | (new) chromatids are formed | (1) | | |
| | but the number of chromosomes stays the same | (1) | | (4) EXP |

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| 6(c) | cytokinesis | | (1) |

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| 6(d)(i) | | Example of calculation | |
| | • fraction of cells in anaphase (1) | 2 ÷ 246 | |
| | • length of anaphase in minutes calculated (1) | 1380 x (2 ÷ 246) = 11.22 minutes Allow 11 / 11.2 Correct answer with no working gains full marks | (2) |

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| 6(d)(ii) | calculation of 8% | (1) | Allow ecf from 6(d) (i) Example of calculation (11.22 x 8) ÷ 100 (11.2 x 8) ÷ 100 (11 x 8) ÷ 100 | |
| | subtraction of calculated value from 11.22 | (1) | 11.22 - 0.898 = 10.32 / 10.3 / 10 11.2 - 0.896 = 10.30 / 10.3 / 10 11 - 0.88 = 10.12 / 10.1 / 10 Correct answer with no working gains full marks | (2) |

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| 6(d)(iii) | An explanation that makes reference to two of the following: | | |
| | the student may have selected a different part of the root tip OR different plants had different {age / rates of growth / mitotic index / rates of respiration / genes} (1) | Allow different growing conditions e.g. light, temperature | |
| | it is difficult to identify the correct stage of mitosis (1) | e.g. late anaphase can be confused with early telophase, early anaphase can be confused with metaphase | |
| | not many cells will be in anaphase OR variation due to {chance / error} will have a large effect | Allow only two cells found in anaphase / small sample size | |
| | on the calculated value (1) | | (2) |

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| 7(a) | A response that makes reference to the following: | Allow the use of the term 'valid' Allow error bar, confidence limits or standard deviations for range bar | |
| | conclusion one is justified as the height of the columns for the three inhibitors are lower than the control column (1) conclusion two has no information given about time (1) | Allow conclusion one not justified because there is an overlap between act D and control range bar | |
| | conclusion three { (could be) justified as the range bar is the longest / is not justified as the range bar is shorter in proportion to the mean} | | |
| | conclusion four is not justified as there is no information given about {numbers of pollen grains used / numbers of pollen grains that germinated} (1) | | (4) |

| 7(b)(i) An explanation that makes reference to the following: | |
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| | |
| • because there was some mRNA in the pollen grain (1) Allow some mRNA can still be made e.g. if act D was a competitive inhib or transcription not completely inhib | |
| so some {translation / protein synthesis} can take place | |
| (1) Allow pollen tubes may already have the proteins they need for growth | (2) |

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| 7(b)(ii) | A description that makes reference to four of the fo | llowing: | | |
| | mRNA attached to the ribosome | (1) | | |
| | tRNA is attached to a (specific) amino acid | (1) | Reject amino acids | |
| | tRNA anticodon binds to mRNA codon | (1) | Allow {complementary base pairing / hydrogen bonds} between tRNA and mRNA | |
| | peptide bonds form between amino acids | (1) | | |
| | process involves { start / stop} codons | (1) | | (4) |

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| 7(b)(iii) | A description that makes reference to two of the following | lowing: | | |
| | formation of a peptide bond | (1) | | |
| | between an amino group and carboxyl group | (1) | Allow amine and carboxylic acid and formulae | |
| | by a condensation reaction | (1) | Allow release of a water molecule | (2) |

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| 8(a) | • different {version of / form of} a gene (1) | Ignore different type of gene | |
| | | Allow found at the same locus on a chromosome | |
| | | Ignore sequence of DNA that codes for a protein | (1) |

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| 8(b)(i) | B (metaphase I, prophase I) | | (1) |

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| 8(b)(ii) | A description that makes reference to three of the follow | ing: | Ignore crossing over and prophase I | |
| | homologous chromosomes line up | (1) | Allow reference to bivalent | |
| | chiasmata form | (1) | Allow description of chiasmata e.g. chromatids overlap | |
| | break in { DNA / chromatid / chromosome } occurs | (1) | ' | |
| | genetic information exchanged between {chromatids} | } (1) | | (3) |

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| 8(c) | An answer that makes reference to the following: | | | |
| | there is a negative correlation between genome size chromosome number | and (1) | | |
| | and a negative correlation between genome size and recombination rate | (1) | | |
| | there is a positive correlation between chromosome number and recombination rate | (1) | | |
| | identification of examples that do not fit the trend | (1) | e.g. animals with genome size of 3000 show the greatest variability in chromosome number | (4) |

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| 9(a) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | • specific shape to fit the {substrate / succinate} (1) | Allow complementary in shape / interaction of R groups and substrate / conformational change / induced fit | |
| | • lowers the activation energy (1) | Allow forms an {enzyme substrate complex / stable intermediate compound} | |
| | • so two hydrogens can be removed / a double bond formed between the carbons (1) | | |
| | | | (3) |

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| 9(b)(i) | An explanation that makes reference to the following: | | |
| | because it has a similar {structure / shape} / both ends of the molecule have a COO⁻ group (1) | | |
| | therefore it can {fit / bind} into the active site / act as a competitive inhibitor (1) | | (2) |

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| 9(b)(ii) | A drawing that shows the following: | Two must be =0 and two must be -0 in the same position as the succinate | |
| | the four oxygens drawn in the active site in the correct position (1) | binding i.eO ⁻ then =O then -O ⁻ then =O all joined by CH ₂ (see original diagram on page 28) | (1) |

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| 9(b)(iii) | В | | (1) |

| vill be credited according to candidates' deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. |
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| tive content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. |
| trations of solutions not controlled / volume not controlled eg beaker ring cylinders used to measure volumes of succinate / 15 cm³ of water should have been added to the in the experiment without inhibitor |
| tration will affect rate of reaction because of collisions between substrate and enzyme active site |
| rature not controlled vater bath to keep the temperature constant e could be denatured or rate of reaction changes with kinetic energy |
| controlled ouffer ects shape of active site and therefore rate of reaction |
| ate of reaction should have been measured ethylene blue before adding the dehydrogenase / use colorimeter ate concentration will fall with time therefore rate will be lower |
| ring end point is subjective olorimeter |
| e the accuracy of the quantitative data |
| e concentration of malonate was used four concentrations of malonate should have been used the type of inhibition can be identified |
| fc |

| | only three concentrations of succinate used | |
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| | at least five concentrations of succinate should have been used | |
| | so that an accurate line could be drawn onto the graph | |
| | | |
| | separate experiments not repeated | |
| | repetition of each experiment | |
| | so you can {calculate a mean average / deal with anomalies / statistical analysis} | |
| Level | Marks | |
| 0 | 0 | No awardable content |
| | | Demonstrates isolated elements of biological knowledge and understanding to the given context with |
| | | generalised comments made. |
| 1 | 1-2 | |
| | | Vague statements related to consequences are made with limited linkage to a range of scientific ideas, |
| | | processes, techniques and procedures. |
| | | Demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying some relevant |
| | | biological facts/concepts. |
| 2 | 3-4 | |
| | | Consequences are discussed which are occasionally supported through linkage to a range of scientific |
| | | ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. |
| | | Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge and understanding by selecting and applying relevant |
| | | knowledge of biological facts/concepts. |
| 3 | 5-6 | |
| | | Consequences are discussed which are supported throughout by sustained linkage to a range of |
| | | scientific ideas, processes, techniques or procedures. |

Additional Guidance

Level 1 response = two issues that could affect validity identified OR two suggestions made on how to improve the validity which are not related to any issues identified [e.g. two random points from indicative contents met]

Level 2 response = at least three suggestions made on how to improve the validity related to specific issues identified [e.g. at least three pairs from the indicative content]

Level 3 response = a range of suggestions made on how to improve the validity related to specific issues identified with some appreciation on the impact of the {issue / improvement} on the data obtained [e.g. at least two triplets with some additional indicative content]